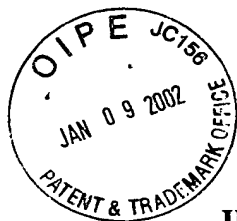


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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the cited application.

In the Specification:

On Page 3, please replace the paragraph starting at line 18 and ending at line 28 as follows:

a The fluid indicating adhesive article of the present invention includes a substrate capable of fluid transport ("fluid transport substrate".) A fluid transport substrate will transport fluid through the substrate. For example, the substrate may comprise a microporous film as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,238,623 to Mrozinski, which is incorporated by reference. In many embodiments, the fluid transport substrate is a fibrous substrate. The fibrous substrate is generally capable of absorbing a fluid. However, the fibrous substrate generally will not saturate in a high humidity environment. In certain embodiments, the substrate is a water absorbent substrate. The water absorbent substrate is generally made of a material that maintains a cohesive form when wet. Suitable substrates include paper, such as cellulose based paper, for example paper towels and copy grade paper.

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